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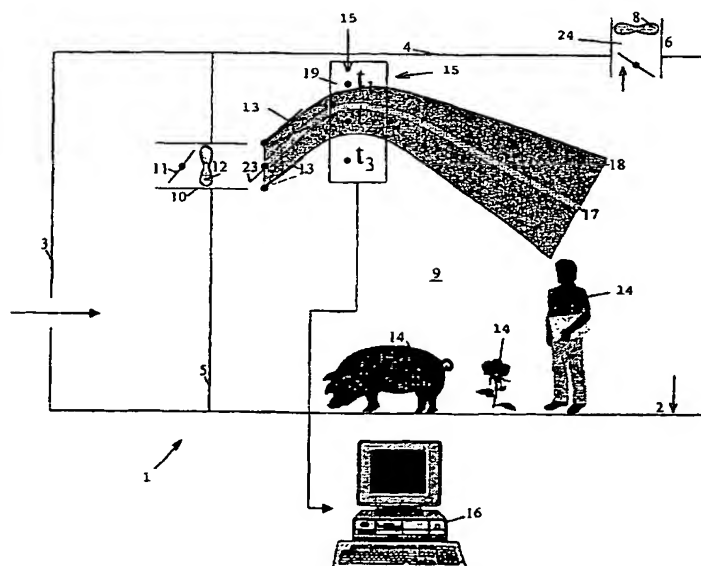
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(57) Abstract: A method for determining a flow pattern of a gas in a space, wherein: gas is passed via at least one inlet into the space, in a first position, at a distance from the at least one inlet a temperature distribution, at any rate at least two temperatures in at least a part of the gas stream is measured, on the basis of the measured temperature distribution, at least of the measured temperatures the position of the maximum or minimum temperature is determined, and on the basis of at least the position of this maximum or minimum temperature the flow pattern in the space is determined, preferably by means of an algorithm.